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Director
Federal Trade Commission
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Consumer Response Center
Washington, D.C. 20580

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Dear Director:

Enclosed, please find a copy of correspondence I received
from Karen Gardiner.

Please review the enclosed and address the concerns raised.
I have notified my constituent to expect a timely reply directly
from you.

Sincerely,



Richard Shelby

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Enclosure

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Ms. Karen Gardiner

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Dear Ms. Gardiner:

Thank you for taking the time to contact me regarding your concerns about pre recorded telemarketer phone calls.

I have contacted the FTC on your behalf and have asked them to respond to your concerns. You should expect a reply to your concerns directly from the agency in a timely manner. Please do not hesitate to contact me about this or other matters in the future.

Sincerely,

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Shelby, Senator (Shelby)

From: Karen Gardiner
Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2004 8:52 AM
To: Shelby, Senator (Shelby)
Subject: Stop the FTC from allowing telemarketers to make prerecorded calls to our homes

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November 20, 2004

Senator Richard Shelby
110 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0103

Dear Senator Richard Shelby,

Dear Member of Congress:

I strongly urge you to stop the Federal Trade Commission from allowing companies to place prerecorded telemarketing calls.

On Nov. 12, the FTC announced a proposed rulemaking (RIN: 3084-0098) which would establish a huge new loophole for telemarketers to evade the National Do Not Call Registry.

According to the FTC's new proposed rule -- even if you have signed up for the National Do Not Call Registry -- a company could make prerecorded robo calls to your home if you have an "established business relationship" - meaning that you bought something from a company during the last 18 months, or inquired about their products during the last three months.

I ask you to protect the peace and quiet of my home and the homes of millions of other Americans who detest commercial telemarketing calls. Please submit comments to the FTC in opposition to its proposed rule on prerecorded telemarketing calls, and take all other appropriate action to stop the FTC from implementing this proposed rule.

Sincerely

Karen Gardiner